REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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BACKGROUND

- Since 1997, EMAB has encouraged EM to develop science and technology (S&T) performance measures
- In June 1998, EMAB recommended:
 - EM management must lead the effort to define and use S&T performance measures as an EM-wide management tool.
 - Performance measures must be aligned with EM goals and priorities; integrated across EM; and reflective of best practices
- In May 1999, EMAB reviewed EM corporate and OST program S&T performance measures
- In January 2000, OST asked EMAB to review EM's plans for implementing four corporate S&T performance measures

PROPOSED EM CORPORATE S&T PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Increase Technology Value Through Deployment
- Meet High-Priority Needs
- Reduce Technological Risk
- Reduce Clean-Up Costs



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FINDINGS

- The Team is pleased to see that attention is being paid to performance measurement from high levels in EM management and that OST is moving forward to implement S&T performance measures on two sites as a pilot.
- The Team supports the plan to initially implement the corporate S&T performance measures on two sites.
- The Team has not seen adequate progress in the development of performance measures for the other EM program offices.
- The Team continues to be concerned that cost savings resulting from OST investments are not being reported.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Assistant Secretary should continue to demonstrate management attention for successful implementation of corporate S&T performance measures.
- Prototype implementation of the corporate S&T performance measures on two sites should not significantly delay full development of EM program office performance measures and EM-wide implementation.
- It is imperative that continued development of EM program office S&T performance measures occurs.
- The issue of not reporting cost savings should be addressed and resolved as it leads to program vulnerabilities.